the cities. With a view to achieve this it is proposed to provide direct dialling between such locations. It also proposed to have a special tariff for such a telecom service, for application all over the country.

Re-employment of retired persons in M.T.N.L.

799. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a growing tendency for re-employment of retired persons in the M.T.N.L. although the same practice is not there in other Telecom Circles/District of the country;

(b) how many persons are at present on re-employment either as consultant or on other parts; and

(c) what are the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to discourage such practices of MTNL?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) No Sir, re-employment of retired persons is normally not encouraged except where it is felt to be in the interest of the Corporation to do so. Presently, only 19 officers of the Corporation have been re-employed after retirement.

(c) Re-employment is strictly restricted to those cases where it is felt necessary to avail of the expertise of the retired official which is otherwise not readily available with the organisation. Such cases are very limited in number.

Use of International Maritime Satellite

800. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether use of International Maritime Satellite (NMAR SAT) is not allowed on land;

(b) if so, what are the details therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to permit its use on land;

(d) if so, the details of the decision taken; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (e) Since it is planned to develop land mobile satellite based services of our own under the national plans, use of land mobile services through INMARSAT is generally not allowed. However use of INMARSAT terminals on the Indian soil is allowed on a case to case basis, mainly in the case of projects located in remote areas deprived of adequate telecommunication facilities.

Time rotation of technical experts in DOT/circles

801. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of action taken, so far or proposed to be taken to utilise the technical manpower evenly in the country by time rotation of technical experts of the Telecom. Department and of its circles including M.T.N.L. units;

(b) whether some senior Officers are serving in Delhi Telephones for unprecedented number of years and some even working for more than 10 years in different capacities; and

(c) what are Government's plans for rotation of such officers in order to maintain the all India Character of service and proportionate distribution of technical expertise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Telecom experts are members of All India Gr. 'A' and Gr. 'B' Services and are being transferred to man the technical posts throughout the country as